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December 2, 2019

Jerry Parker, Chairman
Wapello County Supervisors
215 N. Court
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

Re: Wapello County Jail Inspection

Dear Chairman Parker,

The Wapello County Jail was inspected by the Iowa Department of Corrections on November 27, 2019, as required by Iowa Code Section 356, to ensure compliance with Chapter 201-50 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The inspection included an examination of staff training records, required documentation, prisoner files, jail policy and procedures and a tour of the jail. Please note the following Iowa Administrative Code Sections, comments and recommendations for corrective actions:

IAC 201—50.14(356,356A) Cleanliness and hygiene.

50.14(1) Housekeeping.

a. The jail shall be kept clean and sanitary. Toilets, wash basins, showers and other equipment throughout the facility shall be maintained in good working order. Walls, floors and ceilings shall be well maintained.

Comment: Several showers were found to be in need of a thorough cleaning and maintenance.

Corrective action: Wapello County shall develop a maintenance plan and cleaning schedule to ensure the jail is clean and maintained, promoting sanitary living and working conditions.

Additional comments:

Documentation was readily available and complete for inspection.

I wish to thank Sheriff Don Phillips, Jail Administrator Chris Swope, Assistant Jail Administrator Jason Fuller, and the entire staff at the Wapello County Jail for their cooperation and assistance during the inspection.

Sincerely,
Delbert G. Longley
Chief Jail Inspector

cc: Sheriff
County Attorney
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